

REMARKS

INTRODUCTION:

In accordance with the foregoing, claims 1, 13, 23 and 25 have been amended, and new claim 27 has been added. No new matter is being presented, and approval and entry are respectfully requested.

Claims 1-27 are pending and under consideration. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. §112:

In the Office Action, at pages 2-3, numbered paragraphs 3-4, claims 3-6 and 11-26 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, for the reasons set forth therein. This rejection is traversed and reconsideration is requested.

The court has held: "In the absence of an express intent to impart a novel meaning to claim terms, the words take on the full breadth of the ordinary and customary meanings attributed to them by those of ordinary skill in the art. See e.g., Teleflex, Inc v. Ficosa N. Am. Corp, 299 F. 3d 1313, 1325 (Fed. Cir 2002)." NTP, INC. v. Research In Motion, CAFC, December 14, 2004. Thus, as defined by Merriam-Webster Online, a copy of which page is enclosed herewith, the term "isolate" means "set apart from others," and the term "isolated" would mean something that is set apart from others. Hence, although the specific term "isolated" is not recited in the specification, it is clear that the plural small recesses of the present invention are set apart from each other, and hence, are "isolated."

It is respectfully submitted that the addition of the term "isolated" does not raise the issue of new matter simply because the exact term was not recited in the specification. It is respectfully submitted that one skilled in the art would utilize the ordinary and customary meaning attributed to the term "isolated" by those of ordinary skill in the art. Thus, the term "isolated" is submitted to be clear. Hence, claims 3, 5, 11, 13, 15, 21, 23, and 25 are submitted to be clear, not to raise an issue of new matter, and to comply with the written description requirement under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph. Since claims 4, 6, 12, 14, 16-20, 22, 24 and 26 depend from said claims, claims 4, 6, 12, 14, 16-20, 22, 24 and 26 are submitted to be clear, not to raise an issue of new matter, and to comply with the written description requirement under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, for at least the reasons that claims 3, 5, 11, 13, 15, 21, 23, and

25 are submitted to be clear, not to raise an issue of new matter, and to comply with the written description requirement under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph.

Thus, it is respectfully submitted that the term "isolated" is clear to one skilled in the art, and complies with the written description requirement under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph.

In the Office Action, at page 3, numbered paragraphs 6-7, claims 1-22 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, for the reasons set forth therein. This rejection is traversed and reconsideration is requested.

Independent claims 1 and 13 have been amended to show more clearly that the adhesive tapes contact the mainframe.

Thus, amended independent claims 1 and 13 are submitted to be in allowable form under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. Since claims 2-12 and 14-22 depend from amended claims 1 and 13, claims 2-12 and 14-22 are submitted to be in allowable form under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph for at least the reasons that amended claims 1 and 13 are submitted to be in allowable form under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. §102:

In the Office Action, at pages 4-7, numbered paragraphs 9-36, claims 1-26 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Isohata (USPN 6,288,489; hereafter, Isohata). This rejection is traversed and reconsideration is requested.

Independent claims 1 and 13 have been amended to show more clearly that the adhesive tapes contact the mainframe. Independent claims 23 and 25 have been amended to recite, in part: "adhesive tapes to ~~fix~~ attach said plasma display panel to said main frame." Thus, it is submitted to be clear that the present invention, as recited in amended independent claims 1, 13, 23 and 25, is different from the invention of Isohata, at least in part because the present claimed invention discloses a different structure than the structure of Isohata.

As is clearly described in claim 1, plural small holes are provided where said adhesive tapes contact the main frame and are fixed. However, the screw holes of Isohata are not provided at such a place because the lower surfaces of the elements (tab and socket) including the screw holes do not contact the adhesive tapes. In addition, Isohata does not recite arranging air bubbles regularly at an adhesive portion. Hence, Isohata does not disclose the structure of claim 1.

As noted previously, the screw holes of Isohata are different from the plural small isolated recesses of claim 13, and Isohata does not disclose that the adhesive tapes contact the main frame and are fixed, as is recited in amended claim 13 of the present claimed invention.

Hence, it is respectfully submitted that amended independent claims 1 and 13 disclose a different structure than the structure disclosed by Isohata.

As noted above, claims 23 and 25 have been amended to recite, in part: "adhesive tapes to ~~fix~~ attach said plasma display panel to said main frame." Claim 23 describes the structure shown in FIGs. 14 and 15, in which the adhesive tape has recesses. In other words, the element having recesses is an adhesive tape, but is not a main frame. As shown in FIGs. 14 and 15, the structure described in claim 23 is effective when the surfaces of a plasma display panel and a main frame are flat. Isohata does not describe an adhesive tape having recesses.

Amended claim 25 recites, in part, that the recesses are isolated in order to exclude grooves, which are shown in FIGs. 5A-5C of Isohata, from the scope of the present invention. It is respectfully submitted that FIGs. 5A-5C of Isohata do not disclose isolated recesses (see definition of "isolate" above). Hence, it is respectfully submitted that amended independent claim 25 discloses a different structure than the structure disclosed by Isohata.

Hence, it is respectfully submitted that amended independent claims 1, 13, 23 and 25 are not anticipated under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) by Isohata. Since claims 2-12, 14-22, 24 and 26 depend from amended claims 1, 13, 23 and 25, respectively, claims 2-12, 14-22, 24 and 26 are submitted not to be anticipated under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) by Isohata for at least the reasons that amended claims 1, 13, 23, and 25 are submitted not to be anticipated under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) by Isohata.

NEW CLAIM:

New claim 27 recites that the features of the present invention include a plasma display apparatus comprising: a plasma display panel; a main frame having plural small holes; circuit substrates having drive circuits and being mounted on the main frame; and adhesive tapes placed over the plural small holes, contacting and affixing the main frame to the plasma display panel.

Nothing in the prior art teaches or suggests such. It is submitted that this new claim distinguishes over the prior art.

CONCLUSION:

In accordance with the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that all outstanding objections and rejections have been overcome and/or rendered moot, and further, that all pending claims patentably distinguish over the prior art. Thus, there being no further outstanding objections or rejections, the application is submitted as being in condition for allowance which action is earnestly solicited.

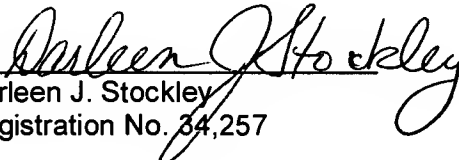
If the Examiner has any remaining issues to be addressed, it is believed that prosecution can be expedited by the Examiner contacting the undersigned attorney for a telephone interview to discuss resolution of such issues.

If there are any underpayments or overpayments of fees associated with the filing of this Amendment, please charge and/or credit the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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